Memorandum

TO : MR. L. W. CONRAD

DATE: 11/23/63

FROM : MR. R. H. JEVONS

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

At 6:04 p.m. today Assistant to the Director Belmont telephonically advised the Dallas Office of the following information:

Bullet recovered from stretcher in hospital by Secret Service, two bullet fragments recovered from President's automobile by Secret Service and two cartridge cases delivered to Laboratory by SA Drain, Dallas office, identified as being fired by submitted 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano rifle delivered by SA Drain.

Several black cotton, orange yellow cotton and gray black cotton fibers, which matched similar fibers composing Oswald's shirt removed from butt plate submitted rifle. No fibers found on gun which could be associated with green blanket. Single brown viscose fiber and several light green cotton fibers which match similar fibers present in composition of green blanket found on paper bag.

Cotton fibers from gun are same colors as cotton fibers composing shirt; however, due to limited number of colors in shirt (3) not possible to state shirt is positively source of these fibers.

Identification Division determined that latent prints appearing in photograph taken of rifle by Dallas Police Department too fragmentary and indistinct to be of any value for identification purposes. Similar photographs taken by Bureau also failed to produce prints of sufficient legibility for comparison purposes.

Latent fingerprint developed by Identification Division on brown paper bag recovered at scene and marked "Found next to sixth floor window gun fired from. May have been used to carry gun. Lieutenant J. C. Day" was identified with left index finger impression of Lee Harvey Oswald. In addition one latent palm print developed on paper bag identified with right palm print of Oswald.

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1-Mr. Tolson
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1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Trotter
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No latent prints of value developed on revolver, cartridge cases, clip, inner parts of rifle or unfired cartridge.

Bullet from body of Officer Tippett, a copper-coated lead bullet of thirty-eight special caliber so badly mutilated there are not sufficient marks on its surface to permit identification of weapon from which fired. However, it was determined that Oswald's revolver is among those weapons producing rifling impressions of the number, type and size as those present on fatal bullet.

Laboratory report of results to date directed to Dallas Police Department being hand carried to Dallas by SA Drain tonight.

Mr. Belmont advised SAC Shanklin that he could release the above information orally to the Dallas Police Department.

ACTION:

None...for information.